Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Food Supplies*): (*a*) and (*b*) No ration has been introduced in non-municipal areas. The respective Tahsildars have been directed to use their discretion and distribute the food grains allotted for the taluks, among the most distressed and needy section of the population.

Industrial loans.

25. * **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod cum Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the aggregate amount budgeted towards industrial loans during the last five years and the amount actually disbursed as loan so far?

Mr. E. I. Chacko (*Director of Industries*): The aggregate amount budgeted for industrial loans during the last 5 years 1113-1117 is Rs. 65,000. The amount actually disbursed during the period is Rs. 21,285.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I ask the Director of Industries whether he has made any endeavour to ascertain that these loans were actually expended for the specific purpose stated in the applications?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: Yes, Sir; enquiries are made.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether the Director of Industries is responsible for recommending the disbursement of the loans that were found to be irrecoverable?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: He is not alone responsible for that. There is a Board of Industries functioning under the chairmanship of the Director of Industries and that board is responsible for the loans.

Leasing of lands for cultivation.

26. * **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased;

(*a*) to lay on the table the Government order regarding the leasing of land for cultivation; and

(*b*) to state the aggregate area of land leased out so far?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar (*Conservator of Forests*): (*a*) A copy of G. O. R. O C. No. 11774/42/Devpt., dated the 22nd, December 1942, is laid on the Secretary's table.

(*b*) 5,547 acres

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know the aggregate area demarcated for agricultural purposes and whether they have been leased out?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar: About ten thousand acres have been demarcated.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know, is that the total area available throughout the State?

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Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar : Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know, was it due to dearth of applications that more acres were not leased out for cultivation ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar : Yes, Sir.

Import of cattle into Travancore from Cochin.

27. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether large numbers of cattle purchased by the agriculturists from the northern taluks of the State were detained by the Cochin Police and the purchasers arrested in the months of Edavom and Mithunam this year ;

(*b*) if so, under what grounds and authority were those arrests and detentions effected ;

(*c*) whether it was brought to the notice of Government ; and

(*d*) what action, if any, was taken by the Government on the same and with what result ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner*) :

(*a*) Some cattle purchased from Cochin and British Malabar are reported to have been detained by the Cochin Police when they were being taken through the Cochin State.

(*b*) For want of export permits under a notification issued by the Government of Cochin.

(*c*) yes.

(*d*) action is being taken to get the cattle released.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : In answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know whether any purchaser was arrested during the course of transit of cattle ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : The matter is under correspondence.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : My question is whether any purchaser was actually arrested at the time of purchase and transit of cattle ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : Report of what happened has been called for.

Deep sea fishing.

28. * **Mr. K. M. Kesavan** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have made any investigation with regard to the possibilities of deep sea fishing ;

(*b*) whether the investigations are over ;

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